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## Utility Dept. Loses \$5,000

The Elba Light and Water Board met at noon Monday in a meeting postponed from the previous Tuesday night. The meeting was adjourned.

Chairman Charles Hayes III reported that the audit had indicated the board was in good condition relative to bonded indebtedness, and he would present a detailed report on that subject during meeting.

Hayes pointed out to the members that as usual during the year the board had operated at a deficit, with a \$5,347.85 loss. He explained that power use dropped considerably during the winter months, remaining almost the same. The December 12 financial statement of the board indicated a net loss of \$75,593.84. Of this expense the power bill (electricity purchased) totaled \$46,763.96.

The Board was also given a list of delinquent accounts in the total amount of \$204,74 from November. A list of inactive accounts (users moved) had a \$530.00 balance. The Board's deposits had not been applied to these.

An estimate of the cost of power to the new National Guard Armory is being prepared and cost about \$12,000. The Board also discussed low voltage to several areas in the city and stressed the importance of using electricity. The figure is based on a million dollar upgrading of the system that is on the drawing boards.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox



SANTA CLAUS

### A CIA MAN?

Earlier this year I was surprised to see Public Service Commission President Kenneth Hammond get convicted and sentenced to prison for soliciting a pay-off. I had no inside knowledge on his guilt or innocence, but was not expecting anyone to have enough proof to get a conviction. Now another bribery case has surfaced. It amazes me to see a multi-millionaire interested enough in the results to even care who is on the racing commission, much less get charged with paying money to control the appontees on the board!

We have heard that more people have applied for the coaching job at Elba High. The reports indicate that Elba has a shortage of well-qualified applicants for the job. However, the list will probably level off now as more people have mentioned and/or applied to other schools. One man whose name had been mentioned in meetings, has reportedly accepted a position at Ozark. There is talk that others who have shown some interest in Elba are also looking at other positions. This will eliminate some from consideration, but judging from the list of fine folks available, Elba can still get a good coach for next year.

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King's Mountain, North Carolina is a community of 1,000. Since 1967 the city has received over \$16,000,000 in federal aid for various projects. The city is about on the right track, one great begins another and another. But when a community gets back more than it put in, someone is going to be shorted because all this is tax money - there ain't one penny of it "free."

Christmas time is coming and if any of you are at a loss about what to get me for Christmas, I have a list prepared for you to select from. Keep in mind, that my list has some pretty expensive gifts on it!

### Selling Your Home Calls For Cleanups

When you show your home to prospective buyers, you want it to look as attractive as possible. The following tips will help:

• Remove all unnecessary articles from your home and attic. Strive for an uncluttered appearance. If necessary, brighten dark basement walls with a coat of paint. Keep pets out of the way.

**SPEAKING OUT**

Dear Editor:

Your article regarding discussions that took place at the last School Board meeting, I certainly agree that academics should come before football, or anything else. However, if all teachers were as interested in their jobs and spent as much time doing their job as a GOOD coach does, then they should have a right to supplemental pay higher salary. Bear in mind, I said a GOOD coach, and this includes being a good teacher for the class he conducts. After all, I believe that decided this, but, whose fault is this? I'm sure the majority of these kids were taught to be good (or bad) in the Elba School System. That's what the other teachers get paid for. Yet he has a great responsibility after the school day is over. I feel that the other teachers in the school system have no business setting salaries. They coach - he builds character.

• Arrange bedrooms so they look as large as possible. Remove excess furniture and use fresh, laundered linens.

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I believe a coach and any other employee should be paid according to what he does and how well he does it. However, that were the case, some of the teachers like people in all types of jobs, wouldn't be as much as they are paid. As far as supplemental pay, certainly any good merit system includes some type of incentive pay or award for good service.

• If the teachers in our school system are more or less efficient in their jobs and the kids they teach as they should be, they would also receive a raise.

• If a coach for high school kids, reading on a 3rd grade level, I don't know what criteria was used to determine who was chosen. I believe that the coach that decided this, but, whose fault is this? I'm sure the majority of these kids were taught to be good (or bad) in the Elba School System. That's what the other teachers get paid for. Yet he has a great responsibility after the school day is over. I feel that the other teachers in the school system have no business setting salaries. They coach - he builds character.

INTERESTED IN EQUALITY

Rosy Outlook Seen  
For Service Sector

The service sector is expected to expand rapidly in 1976 as economic recovery accelerates, according to a new study by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The emergence of new, marketable service industries will contribute to the growth, the study says. In addition, the growing complexity of modern business will stimulate demand for a wide range of services as equipment rentals, management agencies, legal services, and systems management.

As apartment living continues to increase sharply in the late 1970s, maintenance services are also expected to expand significantly. Larger markets for home health services, medical services, leisure activities and recreation are also expected to expand as the number of elderly people increases during the next several years.

While I may be disappointed at these failures of the Senate, I am more determined than ever

6. Passing out candy not approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

7. Toys not approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

8. Failing to pay gift taxes on the million dollars put out for him by children.

Avoiding such an overall loss on the site, netto licensing, registration, and having an operator's permit.

Additionally, the Senator said that F. P. A. has expressed concern that Santa's trip may be hazardous to his health because the snow and ice out of the ways he describes may contain too much "fly ash" as F. P. A. also suggested that Santa's reindeer along the way because he violates the Scenic Rivers Act.

"Also, the Senator continues, "the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.) has sent a memorandum to the Senate Energy Commission claiming that Ms. Claus is treated unfairly in a roach-chair by the fireplace on Christmas Eve. N.O.W. contends, she should be charged a commercial rate. With a few days to go, the whispers have turned into shouts. In his haste to get to the north pole, Santa has shorted a lot of boys and girls' (adults, too), Santa, it is reported, has been looking at other positions. This will eliminate some from consideration, but judging from the list of fine folks available, Elba can still get a good coach for next year.

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**Editorial**

May this week's editorial won't mean much to everybody, but it means more to me than any editorial I've written this year. This editorial is a little different. I've had a lot to say about leaving school. You see, this week will be my last week in school, I'm graduating and moving up to Troy to continue my education.

When I think of leaving Elba High, I think of the best group of teachers and students I've ever seen. May I say it's because I've never attended another school but I think our school would be looked at long and hard to look better.

To the students and especially the seniors, I'd like to say that the things you hold true will get you out of school what you put into it. Sure, we all have bad times, but that's to be expected. Just remember, don't be skipping school and playing dumb all the time. You'll get out of school the last time you'll get to pass this way. You'll never be forgotten with ALL your classmates and friends for one time again.

This is a bigger year for me in my life and it sure makes me stop and think about my life in doing it. Although I'm looking forward to going to Troy, I'm dreading leaving Elba. It's the last week after next.

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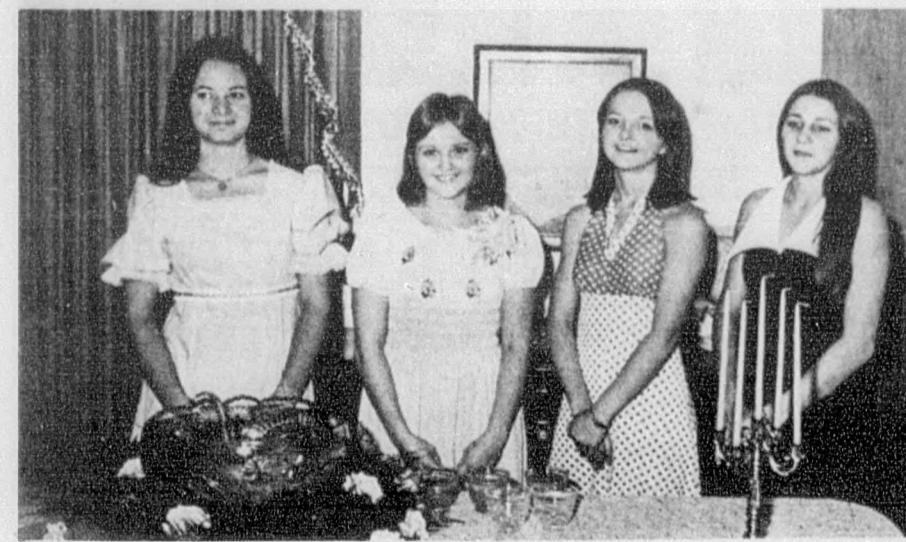
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## Socials



### Taylors Celebrate Anniversary With A Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Curry Taylor were honored recently at a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hosted by their children and Mrs. Ruth Weeks, the reception was held in their home on Taylor Mill Road.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Wren. Presenting at the head of the table was a granddaughter, Miss Vicki Taylor.

The dining room was decorated with an arrangement of bright mums.

The refreshments were served on an antique white lace cloth over gold, held a candleabra with gold burning tapers. The anniversary cake was decorated with white roses and pale green topped with golden numerals "50." Grandmother's pictures surrounded the punch bowl.

The table was attended by relatives of the couple. The anniversary cake was served by Miss Diane Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Taylor, former Olney.

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Mrs. Debbie Hill and daughter, Out-of-town guests in

erals "50." Approximately 100 relatives and friends attended the reception.

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May God's richest blessings be upon you now and always.

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### Mrs. Trammell Feted With Miscellaneous Shower

Mrs. Gregory Allen Trammell, nee Jo Ann Bajley, recent bride, was honored on Saturday, December 6, with a mixture of showers, hosted by Mrs. Grady Thomas. Other hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Maxine Thomas, Mrs. Joe Haywood Grimes, Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. William R. Pope, Mrs. L. L. Rhodes, and Mrs. James C. Rhodes. Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Thomas, presented to the receiving line, composed of Mrs. J. O. Bailey, mother of the honoree, Mrs. Trammell, mother of the groom and Mrs. Mattie Seymore, grandmother of the bride. The honoree wore a pink and white floor length dress accented by a wide sash of pink roses. She was presented a platter and serving bowl of her arrangement of pink carnations.

Guests were served coffee, tea, mint and fruit juice by the hostesses, Mrs. Debra Rhodes, Miss Sherrie Marler and Miss Dona McCollough. The table was covered with a pink and white lace cloth. At one end of the pinch bowl was flanked by beautiful greenery and pink carnations. The hostess served a silver candleabra with pink burning tapers.

Guests were directed to the dining room, where by Mrs. Maxwell Reeves where they were greeted by hostesses, Mrs. Maxine Thomas, Mrs. Haywood Grimes, Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. William R. Pope and Mrs. O. V. Rhodes.

For the luncheon the honoree wore a pink and white floor length dress accented by a wide sash of pink roses.

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### Azalea Garden Club

#### Enjoys Christmas Meeting

The Azalea Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Baxter Bryan on Wednesday evening December 10th with Mrs. Freda Anderson serving as co-hostess. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated, symbolic of the season.

As the members arrived they were served cake, party drinks and coffee.

The president, Mrs. Ed Baker, presided and called for reports from members and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Baker thanked the ladies who helped with the candlelight held recently.

Club members brought gift items and packages to be presented to the Elba Nursing Home residents. A committee was appointed to deliver the packages before Christmas.

Mrs. Bryan explained a decorated cake containing various colored coat hangers that she had made, and asked each member to select the color of the coat hanger.

Mrs. Bancroft Cooper presented her program, "Christmases Past" and she timely thoughts "Come Early To Christmas". She then presented some very practical ideas for the Christmas ideas. Mrs. Cooper concluded her program by asking the ladies to decorate Christmas tree ornaments, beautifully decorated boxes. Each box depicting one of the twelve days of Christmas.

Mrs. Kasper Anderson then sang "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

The following members were present: Mrs. Claude Dorsey, Mrs. Mose Hamm, Mrs. Robert Cannon, Mrs. Harry B. Ward, Mrs. Bancroft Cooper, Mrs. Floryn Whitman, Mrs. T. T. Rhodes, Mrs. D. McCreary, Mrs. Ed Baker, Mrs. Mayo Prescott, and Mrs. L. L. Hall.

### Halls Announce

#### Arrival Of

#### Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. James Hall (James and Floyie) are the proud parents of a brand new baby boy, born Saturday, December 14, at 7:04 p.m. in an Enterprise hospital.

Chad weighed 7 lbs. 14 ounces and is in excellent health. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dreyer of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hall of Rt. 1, Opp.

### MacArthur Tech

#### To Close For Christmas

MacArthur State Technical College will begin a two-week Christmas vacation at the end of the school year on Friday, December 13. School offices will also be closed during these two weeks. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 1976.

#### Card Of Thanks

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### Mrs. Brunson Entertains

#### Music Lovers Club

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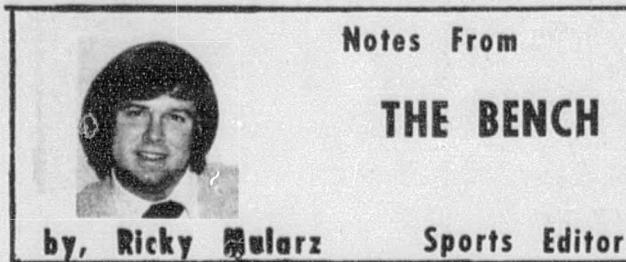
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# Sports



## Tigers Rout Enterprise 80-59 In Friday's Action

### COACHING VACANCY DRAWS ATTENTION

The coaching vacancy at Elba High School has been drawing quite a bit of attention in the past few days. As everyone knows, Howard Mac Champion was in town to interview Saturday, December 6. It is rumored that at least two Board members are in favor of hiring Champion. However, other coaches have paid Elba a visit in recent days, so they don't feel the job is locked up to Champion.

Stan Moss, an assistant coach at Arab High School, was in town on Tuesday. Doug Wood is a coach at a local school, family and principal Lamont M. Moultrie is considered one of the state's top young coaches, and word is that he has been offered the head coaching job at a north Alabama school. Moultrie told me that he would like to come to Elba and wants the position.

On Thursday, December 11, former T. R. Miller and Charles Henderson coach Mack Wood was at school. Wood is 40. Miller is 36. Both are in their mid-thirties. Wood has been invited to the state grid playoffs. Wood has been out of coaching for the past two years, but wants to return to the grid wars. Wood is a person of great character.

Elufula coach Ed Conner was scheduled to be in town on Monday of this week, and the ex-Elba coach is reported to be interested in coming back to EHS. Conner would also make Elba a fine addition to the coaching staff.

Several other names keep popping up when the coaching situation is discussed, but I don't know if the coaches mentioned are really interested. I believe the four coaches who have visited Elba are each highly qualified, and each one would make an excellent head coach. I am glad to see so many coaches showing an interest in the Elba job, and I hope the Board of Education will study each application carefully, and give each applicant an equal chance.

### TEGERS PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

Well, Elba finally put it all together last Friday night in their Enterprise 80-59. The Tigers have been improving steadily since their opening game, and have developed into a highly competitive team.

Much of the credit for Elba's football dominance must go to Tiger coach Mance Daughtry.

Daughtry has been improving his first two years at the Elba helm, and struggled to a 23-23 record. However, this year Coach Daughtry has finished his learning period, and has developed into one of the area's top young coaches.

The 1975 Elba Tiger basketball team is one of the most disciplined and best coached teams I've ever seen. Elba's lack height, and don't have a real good shooter, but Coach Daughtry has accepted the challenge and does the best he can with what he's got.

The current situation at EHS has been grabbing most of the attention in recent weeks, but Coach Daughtry should get a lot of credit for the fine job he is doing with Elba's basketball program.

Good job, Coach Daughtry!

### CADET ROUNDUP

The New Brooklyn Gamecocks chalked up three wins last week to up their record to 7-2. The Gamecock victories came over Fire Springs, 95-69; Florala 80-7; and Zion Chapel, 71-44.

In the three wins, Billy Edwards, New Brooklyn's 6-7 center, poured in 83 points and pulled down 55 rebounds. The big man is trying to flex his muscles.

Another team that has improved is Red Level to Red Level and won a stunner 80-50 defeat. The Dogs are 2-1 and appear strong again this year.

Elufula (3-3) continued to take their lumps as they lost to Ashville, 66-54, and Headland, 70-55. The Tigers were picked as a power, but have fizzled out!

Abbeville became the first local team to hit the century mark by winning Cottonwood 104-43.

### BOWL PICKINS

Since this will be my last column until after the holidays, I've decided to go ahead and make my bowl predictions. My crystal ball is still out of commission, but here goes my pig-skin picks!

ALABAMA - PENN STATE: The Crimson Tide aren't exactly a bowl power, but the Nittany Lions will prove no match for the Tide.

Alabama 24 Penn State 7

OHIO STATE - UCLA: The Buckeyes have already clobbered the Bruins once this season. The roses will smell sweet for Woody!

Ohio State 32 UCLA 10

MICHIGAN - OKLAHOMA: The Sooners finally get on TV. The Wolverines have a good defense but so does Oklahoma. I'll pick Oklahoma to win.

Oklahoma 21 Michigan 17

NEBRASKA 35 ARIZONA STATE 21

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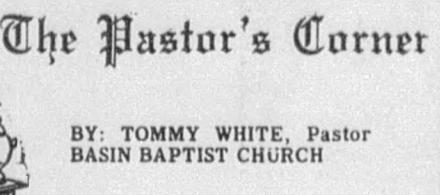
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# Church News

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Receives MA

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The Pastor's Corner

BY: TOMMY WHITE, Pastor  
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

"HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED THE MIGHTY GOD"

Christ came as God in the flesh. Jesus said, "when you

(1) His disciples in the storm on the Sea of Galilee. They were cast into the waves in fear and Jesus calmed the winds through his speaking.

(2) You can ask the Gadarene legion. He was possessed with many demons, but when he healed them, they were cast into a herd of swine.

(3) You can ask Mary Magdalene. She came in touch with Jesus (transformed) and Lazarus who died. He laid in a tomb for four days and Jesus took him out and he came forth from the grave.

One of the names (titles) given to Jesus by Isaiah was "The Mighty God". Jesus was sent to do the things that were to be God. God who has majestic power.

Wise Mill Assembly

To Hold Christmas

Cantata

There will be a Christmas

Cantata at the Wise Mill on Sunday night, December 21, at 7:00 o'clock.

Everyone is invited.

K. Maynard Head

AN AMERICAN TRADITION

Before Thanksgiving I noticed that several small towns had already put up Christmas decorations, so I knew that the first Santa Claus parade was to be held in Elba on Thanksgiving.

Our oldest son, David, spent the night of Thanksgiving in the city of Elba, so we had the rest of us slept late on Saturday. We had not planned to go to the parade, but when our son-in-law called at 10:00 o'clock and said, "Have you heard? The Six-Million Dollar Man is in the Santa Claus Parade?"

Although it was a drizzling rain, we put on our coats and went into hyperspace and hurriedly dressed to go. We had 45 minutes and the three of us had to get dressed, get the car ready, and in time to get to the parade at 10:00 o'clock.

After a hot breakfast of eggs, biscuits, gravy, bacon and coffee, we left. Michael would gladly have gone without food all day, but he could have met the Six-Million Dollar Man.

K. Maynard Head is director of music at the Clear Creek Baptist School, a theological school for adults, Pineville, Kentucky, 40771.

He has an interesting story to tell.

Charles Sunday

Serving As Pastor

Of Mt. Gilead

The Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Elba, Rt. 3, in Coffee Baptist Association recently called Charles Sunday as its pastor. He assumed his new responsibilities November 23.

He is a second year minister, having graduated from Mt. Gilead Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla., coming there from Pinelands Park, Fla.

Charles was born in Troy and is married to the former Mary King of Lawrence. They are the parents of three sons, Michael and Joyce and will be working especially since a couple of girls were born in the last two months.

Charles is presently living in Graceville, but will be returning to Auburn. Here she was a member of the Alpha Phi chapter.

She is married to George M. Bryan Jr., Bradenton, Fla.

Charles and her husband are

the parents of three sons, Michael, Jeff and Mark.

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